

Course Outline
Math 0350 - 004
Fall, 2009

INSTRUCTOR: Matthew Hudock

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Thursday
Monday & Wednesday
Saturday
Saturday

8 am - 9 am
11 am - 1 pm
7 am - 8 am
1 pm - 2 pm (NTB 307)

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CLASSROOM/TIME: Tuesday & Thursday 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm, NTB 323

LECTURE NOTES: You will need to get the Math 0350 Lecture Notes, Fall, 2009 notebook (light brown cover) for this course. You can either purchase it from the bookstore or you can print it out from my website.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES: During the semester, there will be four in-class unit tests, forty-four Mathzone assignments (homework), four reviews for the tests, and a comprehensive final exam. It is the Math Department policy that in order to pass this class, your overall average must be at least a 70%. Each test, including the final exam is worth 14% of your grade, your review average is worth 10% and your homework grade is worth 20%. The following scale will be used in assigning grades:

90% - 100%: A 80% - 89%: B 70% - 79%: C Below 70%: IP or F

In the event that you do not pass the class, you can receive an IP (In Progress) grade. The IP grade does not count against you in your GPA. You would still need to retake the course. In order to get an IP instead of an F in this class, you will need to satisfy both of these conditions:

- 1) You must take each and every in class unit test. This includes making a reasonable attempt on the majority of problems on each test.
- 2) You must complete the course work and show that you are making progress in learning the material.

TEST POLICY: All tests will be closed books and closed notes. They must be taken in one sitting and no help of any kind is allowed. All electronic devices must be turned off and put away during a test. You are not allowed to use a calculator on the first test. You are allowed to use a scientific calculator on tests #2 - 4. If you need additional time than the allotted class time to take the test, you must make arrangements with the instructor to do so the class period before the test. The tests must be taken on the day they are scheduled. At the end of the semester, there will be an opportunity to make-up/retake one test during class.

CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES: With an exception of a calculator, all other electronic devices including cell phones must be turned off and put away during class.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

ATTENDANCE/TARDY POLICY: It is extremely difficult to learn if you miss the explanation of how the work is done. Attendance is required for the class and the lab and will be recorded during each time. In class, a sheet will be passed around at the beginning and **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to sign by your name. Failure to do this will result in you being recorded as being absent. You are expected to attend every class. If you accumulate absences equivalent to two weeks of class (one week during the summer), you may be dropped from this course for excessive absences unless extreme circumstances warrant otherwise and are brought to my attention in a timely manner. You are considered absent if 1) you do not attend class, or 2) you are more than 15 minutes late to class, or 3) you leave more than 15 minutes early.

TIME COMMITMENT: In order to be successful in this course, you need to spend time every day on the material. The rule for this type of course is to spend 3 hours outside of class for every hour in class. Since we meet for 5 hours a week, that translates into 15 hours you need to spend on the course outside of class per week. So, you will need to spend a minimum of 2 hours a day on this course outside of class.

GETTING HELP: Seek help immediately if you do not understand something or cannot do the homework assignment. If you wait, you will not understand anything we are doing in class and you will get even more behind. It is absolutely critical that you keep up with the course since the material builds on itself. Do not be afraid to ask questions in class. The worst I will do to you is to ask you to see me after class. Also, remember you have several resources for getting help: the instructor, the tutors in the Math Lab in NTB 307, the tutors in NTB 116, and your classmates. Many students find a study group to be helpful as well. There is also a Math computer lab in NTB 307.

Mathzone Homework: You will be assigned 44 homework assignments (roughly 1 assignment for each section that will be covered in this course). The assignments will be grouped by weeks. All homework assignments for a particular week are due on Saturday evening at 11:45 pm. Homework assignments will not be available after the due date. If you do not work a homework assignment, you will be given a zero for that assignment. Your homework average will constitute 20% of your course grade. All the homework assignments are in MathZone under Assignments. You will need to select the appropriate section.

EMAIL: When I write to you, I will use your PALS address, so you will need to check your PALS mail frequently. Through the PALS website you have access to academic resources, email, and other online services. The following link will provide you access to PALS: <http://spcportal.alamo.edu/cp/home/loginf>. You can get help with logging into PALS by calling the ACCD Help desk 485-0555 or visiting their website at <http://www.alamo.edu/it/pals/troubleshoot.html>.

REVIEWS FOR THE TEST: The reviews will be assigned throughout the semester. Usually, they are longer and harder versions of the in-class unit tests. The reviews are open book and open notes and are to help prepare you for the test. The reviews are due before the test. Your review average will count 10% of your grade. No papers will be accepted late, but I will drop your lowest score at the end of the term. To receive full credit when turning in an assignment, you need to follow these guidelines (otherwise you will lose points):

- 1) Use **one side** of regular notebook paper (8" by 10 1/2"). No jagged edges. Your paper should be neat, clean, and easy to read.
- 2) Put your name (first and last), your course and section number on the top of the first page of your assignment.
- 3) Label each problem and work it in a logical, neat, and easy to read manner.
- 4) Complete the entire assignment correctly.
- 5) When turning in your assignment, put all your sheets in the correct order.

MISSING CLASS: If you should miss class, it is **your** responsibility to get a copy of any notes and handouts given in class. A copy of the notes and handouts will be posted on my website. You are responsible for all material covered in class.

WITHDRAWING FROM THIS CLASS: If you decide to stop attending, it is **your** responsibility to withdraw from the course by the day posted in the Class Schedule. Otherwise, you will receive an "F" for the course.

GRADED PAPERS: Any test that is not collected from your instructor within two weeks of when it was returned to the class or by the final exam day will be destroyed.

Calendar

Week	Class Activity	Assignments
Week # 1 Aug 24 - Aug 30	Orientation Sect 1.1 - Introduction to Whole Numbers Sect 1.2 - Addition of Whole Numbers and Perimeter Sect 1.3 - Subtraction of Whole Numbers Sect 1.4 - Rounding and Estimating Sect 1.5 - Multiplication of Whole Numbers and Area	Read Sect 1.1 - 1.5 Complete and Submit MathZone Sect 1.1 - 1.5 by Saturday, Sep 05 at 11:45 PM CT
Week # 2 Aug 31 - Sep 06	Sect 1.6 - Division of Whole Numbers Sect 1.7 - Exponents, Square Roots, & the Order of Operations Sect 1.8 - Problem-Solving Strategies Sect 2.1 - Introduction to Fractions and Mixed Numbers Sect 2.2 - Prime Numbers and Factorizations	Read Sect 1.6 - 2.2 Complete and Submit MathZone Sect 1.6 - 2.2 by Saturday, Sep 05 at 11:45 PM CT
Week # 3 Sep 07 - Sep 13	Sect 2.3 - Simplifying Fractions to Lowest Terms Sect 2.4 - Multiplication of Fractions and Applications Sect 2.5 - Division of Fractions and Applications	Read Sect 2.3 - 2.5 Complete and Submit MathZone Sect 2.3 - 2.5 by Saturday, Sep 12 at 11:45 PM CT
Week # 4 Sep 14 - Sep 20	Sect 2.6 - Multiplication and Division of Mixed Numbers Sect 3.1 - Addition and Subtraction of Like Fractions Sect 3.2 - Least Common Multiple and Equivalent Fractions Ch 1 and 2 Review	Read Sect 2.6 - 3.2 Complete and Submit MathZone Sect 2.6 - 3.2 by Saturday, Sep 19 at 11:45 PM CT Review #1 due before Test #1
Week # 5 Sep 21 - Sep 27	Test #1 over Ch 1 & 2 on Tuesday, Sep 22 Sect 3.3 - Addition and Subtraction of Unlike Fractions Sect 3.4 - Addition and Subtraction of Mixed Numbers Sect 3.5 - Order of Operations and Applications of Fractions	Read Sect 3.3 - 3.5 Complete and Submit MathZone Sect 3.3 - 3.5 by Saturday, Sep 26 at 11:45 PM CT
Week # 6 Sep 28 - Oct 04	Development Day (no class) on Tuesday, Sep 29 Sect 4.1 - Decimal Notation and Rounding Sect 4.2 - Addition and Subtraction of Decimals	Read Sect 4.1 & 4.2 Complete and Submit MathZone Sect 4.1 & 4.2 by Saturday, Oct 03 at 11:45 PM CT

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Week # 7 Oct 05 - Oct 11	Sect 4.3 - Multiplication of Decimals Sect 4.4 - Division of Decimals Sect 4.5 - Fractions as Decimals Sect 4.6 - Order of Operations and Applications of Decimals	Read Sect 4.3 - 4.6 Complete and Submit MathZone Sect 4.3 - 4.6 by Saturday, Oct 10 at 11:45 PM CT
Week # 8 Oct 12 - Oct 18	Ch 3 & 4 Review Sect 5.1 - Ratios Sect 5.2 - Rates Test #2 over Ch 3 & 4 on Thursday, Oct 15	Read Sect 5.1 & 5.2 Review #2 due before Test #2 Complete and Submit MathZone Sect 5.1 & 5.2 by Saturday, Oct 17 at 11:45 PM CT
Week # 9 Oct 19 - Oct 25	Sect 5.3 - Proportions Sect 5.4 - Applications of Proportions and Similar Figures Sect 6.1 - Percents and Their Fraction and Decimal Forms Sect 6.2 - Fractions and Decimals and Their Percent Forms	Read Sect 5.3 - 6.2 Complete and Submit MathZone Sect 5.3 - 6.2 by Saturday, Oct 24 at 11:45 PM CT
Week # 10 Oct 26 - Nov 01	Sect 6.3 - Percent Proportions and Applications Sect 6.5 - Applications Involving Tax and Commission Sect 6.6 - Percent Increase and Decrease Ch 5 & 6 Review	Read Sect 6.3, 6.5, & 6.6 Complete and Submit MathZone Sect 6.3, 6.5, & 6.6 by Saturday, Oct 31 at 11:45 PM CT Review #3 due before Test #3
Week # 11 Nov 02 - Nov 08	Test #3 over Ch 5 & 6 on Tuesday, Nov 03 Sect 7.1 - Converting U.S. Units of Length Sect 7.2 - Converting U.S. Units of Time, Weight, & Capacity Sect 7.3 - Metric Units of Length Sect 7.4 - Metric Units of Mass and Capacity	Read Sect 7.1 - 7.4 Complete and Submit MathZone Sect 7.1 - 7.4 by Saturday, Nov 07 at 11:45 PM CT
Week # 12 Nov 09 - Nov 15	Sect 7.5 - Converting Between U.S. Customary and Metric Units Sect 8.1 - Lines and Angles Sect 8.2 - Triangles and the Pythagorean Theorem	Read Sect 7.5 - 8.2 Complete and Submit MathZone Sect 7.5 - 8.2 by Saturday, Nov 14 at 11:45 PM CT

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Week # 13 Nov 16 - Nov 22	Sect 8.3 - Quadrilaterals, Perimeter, and Area Sect 8.4 - Circles, Circumference, and Area Sect 8.5 - Volume	Read Sect 8.3 - 8.5 Complete and Submit MathZone Sect 8.3 - 8.5 by Saturday, Nov 21 at 11:45 PM CT
Week # 14 Nov 23 - Nov 29	Ch 7 & 8 Review College Holiday (no class) on Thursday, Nov 26	Catch-up on Old MathZone Assignments Review #4 due before the test.
Week # 15 Nov 30 - Dec 06	Test #4 over Ch 7 & 8 on Tuesday, Dec 01 Test Amnesty Day is Thursday, Dec 03 Review for the Final	Course Review Catch-up on Old MathZone Assignments
Week # 16 Dec 07 - Dec 13	Final Exam is on Thursday, Dec 10 from Noon - 1:50 pm in NTB 323	